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STRIKE BACK! no 5 MAY 1984

MAY DAY GREETINGS TO WORKERS EVERYWHERE.

AS anarchists and ordinary working people we recognise the true meaning of May Day. It is the day of INTERNATIONAL working class solidarity, where working people the world over show their class feeling. It is the day when ordinary people show their desire for a better world; a world where the capitalist, the boss, the warmonger, the politician no longer exists, but where everyone lives a communal peaceful co-existence. This is what we anarchists strive for every single day of our lives.

Solidarity, Liberty, Freedom,

Middlesbrough DAM.

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Victory to the MINERS.

WE totally support the miners in their strike to save their communities & their Jobs. But it is our fight as well as theirs. If this obnoxious Tory govt. defeats the miners they will continue their attack on other weaker sections of working class. NOW IS THE TIME TO STAND UP AND STRIKE BACK. We have been on our knees too long.

DON'T listen to the media or the politicians. The miners can win but it will need militant action by ALL workers. The fight needs to be spread to the power stations and the steel works. NO COAL SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MOVE.

THE miners want, and need, more than sympathy. If the miners are defeated we are all defeated. Become active in their defence. Organise collections in your workplace & in your community, join the pickets, invite miners to speak at your meetings.

IT IS UP TO YOU.

THE POLICE ARE THUGS.

THE mask has slipped ! The nice friendly British bobby is showing his true face. Pickets are being beaten up and arrested for doing nothing more than trying to speak to their fellow workers.

WE hear cries of anguish from armchair socialists, "This isn't cricket." "The true British bobby isn't like that." As activists we KNOW that the British bobby IS like that. S/he is a violent thug who is paid to protect our rulers' interests. Like the bullies they really are, they are nice when we are on our knees, but when we try to get up....

THEY always protect the scab, the strike-breaker, the boss. Remember this the next time they come snooping.

WE all know that the police have infiltrated the picket lines dressed up as pickets. The following happened in Nottingham :-

A group of police dressed in NCB donkey jackets joined a picket line pretending to be real pickets. One of them had a walkie-talkie under his jacket. It was switched on. A radio message came over. He looked horrified. His mates looked astonished. They beat him up to maintain their cover. Poor sod.

SCABS.

ALTHOUGH WE DON'T AGREE WITH HIS USE of some words/concepts/ideas, we think that Jack London got it pretty nearly right when he described scabs thus;-

After God had finished the rattlesnake the toad and the vampire, he had some awful substance with which he made the scab.

A scab is a two legged animal with a cork screw soul, a water logged brain, a combination backbone of jelly and glue. Where others have a heart, he carries a tumour of rotten principles.

When a scab comes down the street, men turn their backs, the angels weep in heaven, and the devil shuts the gates of hell to keep him out.

No man has the right to scab so long as there is a pool of water to drown his carcass in, or a rope long enough to hang his body with. Judas Iscariot was a gentleman compared to the scab, for after betraying his master he had character enough to hang himself. A scab has not.

Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Judas Iscariot sold his saviour for thirty pieces of silver. Benedict Arnold sold his country for the promise of a commission in the British army. The modern strike breaker sells his birthright, his country, his wife, his children and his fellow men for an unfilled promise from his employer.

Esau was a traitor to himself, Judas Iscariot was a traitor to his God, Benedict Arnold was a traitor to his country. A STRIKE BREA KER IS A TRAITOR TO HIS COUNTRY, HIS WIFE, HIS FAMILY, HIS CLASS. A real man (or woman - ed) never becomes a strike breaker.

PUBLIC MEETING

MAY Ist TUESDAY TIME 7.30pm

at THE EMPIRE PUB, LINTHORPE ROAD, M'BRO.

The Origins of May Day
The Miners Strike.

SPEAKER. DISCUSSION.
ALL WELCOME.

beware the 'VIDEO STAR'

WE would like to congratulate Mr. Neil K. nock for being Labour party leader for over six monhts. We think that he is an amazing man; a man of immense talent; a mAn worthy of his elevated position.
HE is a man who spends many hours talking without ever saying anything.
HE is a self confessed man of principle whose principles wither away if they threaten his position in the opinion polls.
HE is a good socialist who will do anything to get into government even if it means dropping socialism (something that has already happened).

But you will say that we are being unfair to the man. To that we would reply;-

Did he, or did he not support Thatcher"S war in the Falklands? He did.

Does he, or does he not support USA bases in Britain ? He does

Did he, or did he not support Liverpool council's attempt to save Liverpool from the tory cuts ? He did not

Did he, or did he not support the NGA picket at Warrington ? He did not

Did he, or did he not, support the tories in demanding a national ballot for the miners ? He did.

Ordinary working people need the Neil Kinnocks of this world as much as they need a Tory government. For Neil Kinnock and the vast majority of the Labour Party, government, and not socialism has become their goal. Their greasy little ambitions would matter little but for the fact that in playing their dirty game they have poisoned the whole labour movement, destroying its socialism, and substituting for it a bland, Home counties, middle of the road, vote catching machine.

HAVE NO ILLUSIONS COMRADES.

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